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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS - COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS AND AMBASSADOR ELIOT MET JULY 1 WITH SPECIAL ENVOY NAIM, AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL GHAUS. THEY DISCUSSED THE COLOMBO SUMMIT AND ITS IMPACT ON THE PUERTO RICO AND KOREA ISSUES.

2. LEWIS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL COLOMBO DECLARATIONS ON KEY US ISSUES AT UNGA. HE ASKED FOR NAIM'S VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUMMIT AND ITS DECLARATIONS. NAIM RESPONDED WITH A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ASSOCIATION WITH THE SUPERPOWERS, LAMENTING FACT THAT THE U.S. HAD BEEN "HOSTILE" TO MOVEMENT IN EARLY YEARS. HE EXPRESSED DIS-SATISFACTION, HOWEVER, WITH ITS PRESENT CHANGED NATURE AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT BY THIS HE MEANT RADICALIZATION BY
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CUBA AND NORTH KOREA. HE SAID THAT AFGHANISTAN, HOWEVER,

HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THIS SITUATION.

3. LEWIS NOTED THAT WHATEVER THE EARLY ATTITUDES OF THE USG TOWARD NON-ALIGNMENT, IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE US RESPECTS AND ACCEPTS THE CONCEPT. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CUBA AND NORTH KOREA ARE ATTEMPTING TO ALIENATE THE NON-ALIGNED FROM THE U.S. BY FORCING THE NAM TO TAKE ONE-SIDED POSITIONS HOSTILE TO OUR INTERESTS ON KEY ISSUES. LEWIS DESCRIBED THE US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO IN SOME DETAIL. REFERRING TO AFGHAN ROLE IN COMMITTEE OF 24, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AFGHAN REPRESENTATIVE IN COMMITTEE (AND AT COLOMBO)MIGHT GIVE MORE POSITIVE SUPPORT TO U.S. POSITION. NAIM SHOWED SOME RECEPTIVITY, BUT SAID THAT AFGHANISTAN COULD NOT ACT ALONE. LEWIS AGREED TO PROVIDE A LISTING OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WERE SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. VIEWS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA, AND WITH WHOM AFGHANISTAN MIGHT PRIVATELY CONSULT AT NACC MEETING BEFORE COLOMBO SUMMIT AND IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 (BELOW).

4. NON-ALIGNED NATIONS LIKELY TO SUPPORT US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AT COLOMBO WITH WHOM AFGHANS MIGHT CONSULT: LIBERIA, MALAYSIA, ZAIRE, SRI LANKA, NEPAL AND SENEGAL.

5. COMMITTEE OF 24 NATIONS LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE US ON PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE, WITH WHOM AFGHANS MIGHT CONSULT; AUSTRALIA, CHILE, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IVORY COAST, NORWAY, SIERRA LEONE AND TUNISIA.

B. NON-ALIGNED NATIONS LIKELY TO SUPPORT US POSITION ON KOREA AT COLOMBO WITH WHOM AFGHANS MIGHT CONSULT: ARGENTINA, BOTSWANA, CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC, GABON, GAMBIA, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, SWAZILAND, ZAIRE, MOROCCO, OMAN, SAUDI ARABIA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, NEPAL AND SINGAPORE.

7. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY APPROPRIATE PORTION OF ABOVE ASAP TO GHAUS AND FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION OF MORE ASSERTIVE AFGHAN POSTURE WITH AS MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT AS POSSIBLE. ROBINSON
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